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Also enclosed herewith is a computer diskette containing the sequence listing. A statement pursuant to 37 CFR §1.825(b) is enclosed, stating that the computer diskette contains an identical sequence listing as the paper copy.

Accordingly, no new matter is introduced by this amendment. All changes are provided to put the sequence listing in proper format.

No fee is believed due.

Respectfully submitted,

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